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24-Hour Traffic Control on SR 36 Near Chester

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has State Route (SR) 36, five miles east of the SR 32 intersection and eight miles west of the town of Chester under 24-hour, one-way traffic control through the holiday weekend and continuing until the project is completed in mid-July. Traffic will be controlled by pilot car and motorists will be traveling on a detour with a gravel surface.

The project will correct a sight-distance issue by removing a crest vertical curve, or high location in the roadway. In order to remove the elevated portion of the roadway, the surface must be leveled by filling the dips and cutting off the humps. During this correction process, contractors have encountered unexpected wet material. This has lengthened the expected time of completion and necessitated the 24-hour traffic control and detour. Engineers plan to cap the surface with rock and gravel and have the traffic back on the actual roadway within a few weeks. Paving will then take place, completing the project.

Motorists should expect up to five-minute delays and be prepared to travel on an unpaved surface. The detour roadway is being kept as smooth as possible with constant monitoring of the conditions.

Motorists are reminded to drive carefully, especially in the construction areas and to "Slow for the Cone Zone".

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